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OUR NEW GOVERNMENT

This paper favored a change from our old plan of city government to the city manager plan. We did so because we believed it was to the best interests of the community, and that a better local government would result, and especially, a more economical one. Up to this time, we have commended everything that our present City Council has done and propose to sustain them in their policy of reducing to a minimum the personnel of the various boards which constitute a city government, but we shall condemn any additional expenditures which do not meet with our approval, and especially shall we oppose the creation of new offices which carry with them salaries. We had hoped, and we believe, that economies will be effected through the consolidation of various city offices and that a more efficient government will consequently result. Up to this time we have observed a reduction only in those offices which do not carry salaries. We are looking forward to a reduction of those offices which do carry salaries. We will not object to increased expenditures where the public is benefited. We will give full publicity, however, to all increased expenditures in order that the public may be able to determine for itself whether such expenditures may be justified. We are hopeful that an increase in taxation will not be attempted in any form unless an increase in benefits can be plainly pointed out. We are hopeful that there will be a reduction to the citizens who are consumers of gas and that the gas works will be administered upon a more business like plan. We shall insist that this be finally done. We are hopeful, and believe, that a more efficient school system has been inaugurated; we expect a more efficient police department; we expect to see a better feeling engendered in the fire department; we expect to see politics eliminated and a business administration of public affairs; we shall lend the aid of this paper to bring about these results, and intend to give full publicity to the administration as it is now organized within our City and to do so fairly and fearlessly, still entertaining the belief that we have made a change for the better. We need, not only a business like administration but an intelligent business like administration of public affairs.

Not every man in business is infallible because he has preferred to be a tradesman. We must expect some mistakes, but a good business man will not make the same mistake twice. Our new city government has not had opportunity to demonstrate its efficiency. Let us be patient and

not only opportunity but encouragement in order that those who are now serving the people may not only be encouraged to give us the benefit of their best efforts but may be given the opportunity to do so.

DESERVES COURTEOUS TREATMENT

Republican congressmen and senators are not pleased with Premier Clemenceau who is in this country to tell America where France stands regarding disarmament. The "Tiger" says America came to the rescue of the world with her troops but then left before the job was finished. It is evident that the French statesman refers to America's failure to enter the League of Nations and there are thousands of people regardless of politics, who agree with him.

Woodrow Wilson threw all of his might and strength toward the ratification of the League of Nations. The former president believed in the League with his whole heart and soul. He foresaw many of the things which are now happening abroad. Whether the League would have prevented future wars is a debatable question. Certainly it is true that no one has come forward with anything else to take its place. It is also true that many of our best statesmen, who did not approve the League, are either for it now or advocate something similar.

Senators are not showing the proper respect for Clemenceau when they try to prevent him from speaking his mind on European affairs. The great statesman is not here in an official capacity and therefore has a right to discuss these matters as he sees fit.

The real trouble with some Senators, who criticize Clemenceau, is that they are playing politics. They do not like the idea of a man so great as the "Tiger" endorsing Woodrow Wilson's foreign policies.

Bill May says that our friend Joe is so engrossed with the running horses that it is a question as to whether he belongs to the human race or the horse race.

News reports say that congress is preparing to radio speeches of congressmen back home so that all may hear their congressman in action. When the people hear some of them in action in Washington they will soon decide that they should remain at home.

Some newspapers are discussing the custom of Gentlemen removing their hats when riding in elevators with women. Gentlemen, we have been taught, always remove their hats in the presence of ladies, whether in elevators or elsewhere.

"Bill" May says—"The toastmaster at the T. P. A. banquet last night used a telephone—fine idea, his hearers can 'hang up' on him when they get tired."

The Gazette's Book Shelf A. R. D.

WOODROW WILSON AND WORLD SETTLEMENT.

By Ray Stannard Baker.
(Doubleday, Page and Company)
These volumes are essentially Woodrow Wilson's own history of the Conference for, feeling that he lacked the strength to undertake the labor of such a work, he turned over to Mr. Baker the contents of his famous strong box, the texts of all the secret treaties, minutes and notes of the closed sessions of the "big four" and later, after Japan entered, of the "big five." The first two volumes are Mr. Baker's narrative and the third a volume of the actual documents upon which his history is based.

In addition to President Wilson's own records of the Conference, Mr. Baker has perhaps more first hand knowledge of the work of the Peace Conference than any individual other than the principals.

Appointed by Mr. Wilson to direct the American Press Bureau, Mr. Baker sifted the news of each day's happenings and was in an unparalleled position to view the work of the Conference as a whole.

When the final story of the treaty is written, this work will inevitably rank as one of the great source documents, without which history would

WILL GIVE CONCERT HERE



ESTELLE WENTWORTH

Noted opera soprano, who, in conjunction with Albert Parr, light opera tenor, and Harry E. Mueller, pianist, will give a recital at the Young Peoples' Building under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club Monday, Dec. 4.

be incomplete.

STAR

By Forrester C. Hooker.

(Doubleday, Page and Company)

This is a more than ordinarily delightful story of an Indian pony, a real pony who belonged to "Song Bird," the daughter of Chief Quannah of the Quabada Comanches. The story tells of "Running Deer," the mother of "Star," who knew the romance of Quannah's father and his mother, the little white child who was captured by the tribe and brought up as a chief's daughter. "Star" is a descendant of the pony upon which the white child was carried away, one of a gallant line of ponies that have played a part in each great crisis of the tribe.

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA

By John Gay.

(B. W. Huebsch, Inc.)

It is impossible to overestimate the debt owed to Mr. Huebsch for placing an edition of this really beautiful opera within the reach of the average pocketbook, the only edition obtainable by the reader who is not a collector of rare books.

This is apparently the most enduring light opera ever written in English. It was first produced in New York in 1728, after it had been popular in London for nearly two generations. It is interesting to recall how delightfully Lady Mary Wortley Montagu speaks of it in her letters, of Captain Macheath and of the lovely Lavinia Fenton. This opera has been revived in this country and in England several times since its original production. Practically forgotten by all theatrical producers, it was once more revived at the Hammersmith theatre, in London, during war-time, and made a bigger hit than any musical play in recent years.

The Hammersmith Company, brought the production from London to New York in 1921. A London company also brought the opera to New York for its American premiere in 1751. The actors at that time worked their passage over.

"The Beggar's Opera" is in the United States again. An English company, which includes several members of the Hammersmith company is taking John Gay's classic through the country, opening with Philadelphia and Boston.

FAREWELL TO AMERICA

By Henry W. Neilson.

(B. W. Huebsch, Inc.)

This little book of Mr. Neilson's, written last spring as he left this country after reporting the so-called Disarmament Conference for the "Manchester Guardian," is a delightful bit of friendly satire and comes to us at the welcome old price of fifty cents. It is a pleasant but pointed dig at both America and Great Britain, sound political prophecy and shrewd comment on the politics of the two countries, besides. This quotation suggests the author's manner:

"Farewell to a land where Mr. Gompers is called a Socialist, and Mr. Asquith would seem advanced! A land too large for concentrated indignation; a land where wealth beyond the dreams of British profiteers dwells in gorgeous and luxurious, emulated and unshamed! I am going to a land of politics violently divergent; a land where even Coalitions can not coalesce; where meetings break up in turbulent disorder; and no platitude avails to soothe the savage breast. A land of personal freedom, and indignant with rage for justice. A land where wealth is taxed out of sight, or for very shame strives to disguise its luxuries. A land where an ancient order of feudal families is passing away and Labor Leaders whom Wall Street would shudder at, are hailed by Lord Chancellors as the very fortification of security. Good-bye, America! I am going home."

The Baptist Meetings

High tide was reached in the meeting at the First Baptist Church last night when a large number made profession. Dr. Vines will address the Sunday School tomorrow morning and preach at 11 o'clock. The services will continue to and including Wednesday night. The church is being greatly stirred and large results are expected. The choir has been doing fine work. Dr. Vines is preaching wonderful sermons which have been a blessing to all who have heard them.

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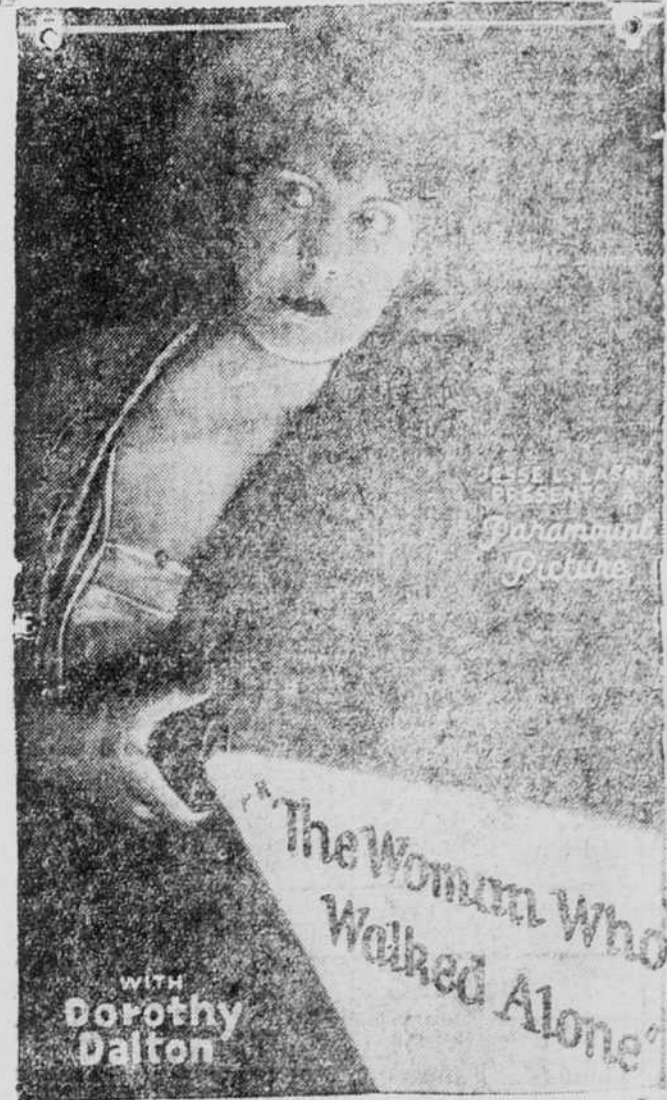
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